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110th Congress

EMPLOYEE
POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

This form is for disclosing the receipt of travel expenses from private sources for meetings, speaking engagements, fact-finding trips or similar events in connection with official duties. You need not disclose government-funded or political travel on this form, or travel that is unrelated to official duties. This form does not eliminate the need to report all privately-funded travel on the annual Financial Disclosure Statements of those persons required to file them. In accordance with clause 5 of House Rule 25, complete this form and file it with the Clerk of the House of Representatives, B-106 Cannon House Office Building, within 15 days after travel is completed. The Clerk is to make these forms publicly available as soon as possible after they are received. Obtain the dollar amounts from the sponsor; if exact dollar amounts are unavailable, provide a good faith estimate.

Name of Employee (print or type): Jack Sumner Thompson

Name of Accompanying Family Member (if any): none

Relationship to Employee: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child ☐ Other (specify): _____

Date of Departure and Date of Return: December 1, 2007 - December 10, 2007

Dates at Personal Expense: _____

Itinerary (cities of departure - destination - return): Washington, DC-IAD to Johannesburg, South Africa to Cape Town, South Africa to Port Elizabeth, South Africa to Johannesburg, South Africa to Washington, DC-IAD

Sponsor(s) (who paid for the trip): International Conservation Caucus Foundation

Describe meetings and events attended (attach additional pages if necessary): pages attached

Attached to this form are EACH of the following (signify "yes" for each item by checking the corresponding box):

1. ☒ the Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form completed by trip sponsor, including all attachments;
2. ☒ the Privately-Sponsored Travel Approval Form completed by the employee; *and*
3. ☒ the Committee on Standards' letter approving my participation on this trip.

I represent that I participated in each of the activities reflected in the sponsor's agenda (signify "yes" by checking box): ☒

If not, explain: _____

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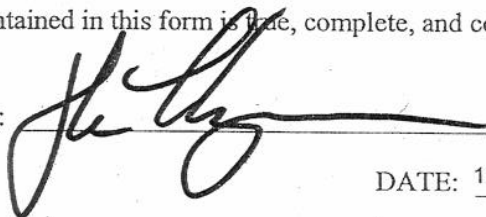
TRAVEL EXPENSES:

	Total Transportation Expenses	Total Lodging Expenses	Total Meal Expenses
For employee:	2,021.80	1,070.00	145.05
For accompanying family member:	n/a	n/a	n/a

	Other Expenses (dollar amount)	Specific Nature of Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For employee:	123.75	ICCF trip shirt; Raptor Rehab Center admission; tips
For accompanying family member:	n/a	

I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

SIGNATURE OF EMPLOYEE:



DATE: 12-20-07

I authorized this travel in advance. I have determined that all of the expenses listed above were necessary and that the travel was in connection with the employee's official duties and would not create the appearance that the employee is using public office for private gain.

NAME OF SUPERVISING MEMBER: Congressman Rodney Alexander

SIGNATURE OF SUPERVISING MEMBER:



DATE: 12-20-07

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Mr. Jack Sumner Thompson
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Dear Mr. Thompson:

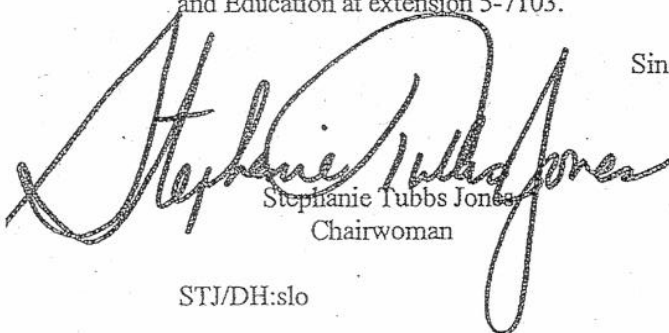
Pursuant to House Rule XXV, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct hereby approves your proposed trip to South Africa scheduled for December 1 to 10, 2007 sponsored by the National Conservation Caucus Foundation.

You must complete an Employee Travel Disclosure Form (which your employing Member must also sign) and file it with the Clerk of the House within 15 days after your return from travel. As part of that filing, you are required to attach a copy of this letter and the Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form, including all attachments. You must also include a copy of the Traveler Form completed by you and signed by your employing Member. If you are required to file an annual Financial Disclosure Statement, you must also report all travel expenses totaling more than \$305 from a single source on Schedule VII of that statement.

Because the trip may involve meetings with foreign government representatives, we note that House employees may accept, under the Foreign Gifts and Decorations Act, gifts "of minimal value [currently \$305] tendered as a souvenir or mark of courtesy" by a foreign government. Any tangible gifts valued in excess of \$305 received from a foreign government must, within 60 days of acceptance, be turned over to the Clerk of the House and disclosed on a Form for Disclosing Gifts from Foreign Governments.

If you have any further questions, please contact the Committee's Office of Advice and Education at extension 5-7103.

Sincerely,



Stephanie Tubbs Jones
Chairwoman

STJ/DH:slo



Doc Hastings
Ranking Republican Member

U.S. House of Representatives
Committee on Standards of Official Conduct

PRIVATE SPONSOR TRAVEL CERTIFICATION FORM
(provide directly to each House invitee)

This form should be completed by private entities offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to House Members, officers or employees under House Rule XXV, clause 5. A completed copy of the form (and any attachments) should be provided to each invited House Member, officer or employee, who will then forward it to the Committee. The trip sponsor should NOT submit the form directly to the Committee.

Private sponsors are urged to submit this form to each House invitee at least 30 days before travel is scheduled to begin. The failure to provide the Committee with adequate time to review the form and attachments may result in the invitee not receiving approval for the trip. The submission of an incomplete form will delay the review process. Before completing this form, sponsors are urged to carefully review the Committee's private travel guidelines and advisory memoranda detailing the rules and restrictions for private travel, as well as the instructions for completing this form. Sponsors should call the Committee with any questions prior to submitting the form. Please type form.

1. Sponsor(s) (who will be paying for the trip): International Conservation Caucus Foundation
2. I represent that the trip will not be financed (in whole or in part) by a federally-registered lobbyist or a registered foreign agent (signify "yes" by checking box): ☒
3. I represent that the trip sponsor(s) has not accepted from any other source funds earmarked directly or indirectly to finance any aspect of the trip (signify "yes" by checking box): ☒
4. Is travel being offered to an accompanying family member of the House invitee(s)? ☐ Yes ☒ No
5. Provide names and titles of ALL House invitees; for each invitee, provide explanation of why the individual was invited (include additional pages if necessary): page attached with names.. individual professional staff member in each office responsible for policy work related to environment, conservation & natural resource mgmt
6. Dates of travel: December 1, 2007 - December 10, 2007 (inclusive of travel dates)
7. Cities of departure - destination - return: Washington - Capetown - Port Elizabeth - Washington
8. Attached is a detailed agenda of the activities taking place during the travel (i.e., an hourly description of planned activities) (signify "yes" by checking box): ☒
9. I represent that (check one of the following):
 - a. The sponsor of the trip is an institution of higher education within the meaning of section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965: ☐ or
 - b. The sponsor of the trip does not retain or employ a federally registered lobbyist or registered foreign agent: ☒ or
 - c. The trip is for attendance at a one-day event and lobbyist involvement in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the Committee's travel regulations. ☐
10. If travel is for participation in a one-day event (i.e., if you checked Question 9(c)), check one of the following:
 - a. One-night's lodging and meals are being offered: ☐ or
 - b. Two-nights' lodging and meals are being offered: ☐If "b" is checked, explain why the second night is warranted: NA

11. If the trip is not sponsored by an institution of higher education, I represent that a federally-registered lobbyist or foreign agent will not accompany House Members or employees on any segment of the trip (signify "yes" by checking box): ☐
12. Private sponsors must have a direct and immediate relationship to the purpose of the trip or location being visited. Describe the role of each sponsor in organizing and conducting the trip: deriving commitment to the importance of natural resource management globally through education in the field... for leaders to experience first hand the challenges and opportunities associated with conservation programs & challenges on the ground
13. Describe each sponsor's organizational interest in the purpose of the trip: to educate leaders on the benefits of good natural resource management and its direct linkages to poverty alleviation, sustainable economic development, good governance, and regional security
14. Describe the type and class of the transportation being provided. Indicate whether coach, business-class or first-class transportation will be provided. In addition, for travel via aircraft, please indicate if travel is being offered on a commercial flight, chartered flight or on an aircraft operated or paid for by a carrier not licensed by the Federal Aviation Administration to operate for compensation or hire (i.e., a private aircraft). If first-class fare is being provided, or if travel is via chartered or private aircraft, please provide an explanation describing why such travel is warranted: international flights and domestic connections provided are commercial, coach class only
15. I represent that the expenditures related to local area travel during the trip will be unrelated to personal or recreational activities of the invitee(s). (signify "yes" by checking box): ☒
16. I represent that either (check one of the following):
- a. The trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation and that meals provided to congressional participants are similar to those provided to or purchased by other event attendees: ☐ *or*
- b. The trip involves events that are arranged or organized *specifically with regard* to congressional participation: ☒
- If "b" is checked, detail the cost per day of meals (approximate cost may be provided): \$50.00
17. Reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: excellent venues including good examples of public / private conservation programs in place: local NGO partners available to support mission activities
18. Name of hotel or other lodging facility: Commodore Hotel (Capetown) ; Shamwari Reserve (Eastern Cape)
19. Cost per night of hotel or other lodging facility (approximate cost may be provided): \$110.00
20. Reason(s) for selecting hotel or other lodging facility: affordability and availability; conservation sites primarily located in and around selected properties

21. TOTAL EXPENSES FOR EACH PARTICIPANT:

<input type="checkbox"/> actual amounts <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good faith estimates	Total <i>Transportation</i> Expenses per Participant	Total <i>Lodging</i> Expenses per Participant	Total <i>Meal</i> Expenses per Participant
For each Member, Officer, or employee	\$1850.00	\$770.00	\$350.00
For each accompanying family member	NA	NA	NA

	<i>Other</i> Expenses (dollar amount)	Identify Specific Nature of "Other" Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For each Member, Officer, or employee	\$50.00	Gratuities
For each accompanying family member	NA	NA

22. I represent that reimbursement for miscellaneous travel expenses for the trip, such as travel to and from airports, security costs, interpreter fees, visa application fees, and similar expenses, will be for actual costs incurred and are necessary for the purpose of the trip (signify "yes" by checking box): ☒

23. I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: _____

Name and title: John B. Gantt, Jr., Chief of Staff

Organization: International Conservation Caucus Foundation

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The Committee staff may contact the above individual above if additional information is required.

If there are any questions regarding this form please contact the Committee at the following address:

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U.S. House of Representatives
HT-2, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515
(202) 225-7103 (phone)
(202) 225-7392 (general fax)
(202) 226-7172 (fax for travel approvals)

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contains more than 8500 species, making it the richest floral kingdom, for its size, worldwide. 6000 of these species are found nowhere else in the world.

- 5:30-6:30 pm Return to Cape Town.
- 7:00-8:00 pm Freshen up for dinner and walk down to Waterfront for dinner that evening.
- 8:00-10:00 pm Dinner briefing with Hennie du Toit, Political Consul for the South African Embassy in Washington, D.C.

Location: TBD

Accommodation: The Commodore Hotel

Tuesday 4th December

- 9:00 -10:00am Breakfast briefing with Paul Boughey, Chief of Staff for Helen Zille, leader of the Democratic Alliance within South Africa.
- 10:30-12 Noon The group will meet representatives from the Niall Mellon Foundation, an international NGO working to build houses in Cape Town townships. They will transfer to the Imizamo Yethu Housing project, where they will be briefed by Foundation staff and have a chance to see the good work being done on-the-ground.
- Noon Box Lunch, provided courtesy of the South African Embassy in Washington, DC. *The delegation will depart the Housing Project and transfer to Airport.*
- 1:30 pm Depart Cape Town for Port Elizabeth.
- 3:00 pm Arrive in Port Elizabeth.
- 3:30-5:00 pm Transfer to Shamwari Reserve.
- 5:00-7:00 pm Arrive at Shamwari; unpack; prepare for dinner.
- 7:30-7:45 pm David Barron will detail the purpose and specific activities for the delegation while in the Eastern Cape and will introduce local rangers and other guests.
- 7:45-10:00 pm Boma Braai organized by Shamwari Reserve and the leadership of the Wilderness Foundation.

Members of the delegation will have time to talk with staff, rangers, and community members of the Shamwari Reserve. This will provide an opportunity to assess the many issues that face the project.

Wednesday 5th December

- 7:30 am Breakfast briefing: Congo Basin Forest Partnership (CBFP). David Barron will give a brief overview of the CBFP, a U.S. Government-led initiative.
- 8:00-11:00 am Tour Shamwari Reserve with local staff and members of the Wilderness Foundation, who will detail the reserve's unique conservation ethic and history.
- 11:00am -noon Breakout sessions to discuss CBFP and other key areas where U.S. involvement in conservation is showing measurable results.
- 12:00-2:30 pm Briefing with Senior Group Ecologist for Shamwari Reserve and MANTIS Collection followed by lunch.
- 2:30-5:00 pm Afternoon briefing on Private Investment in Conservation and Conservation in General

Adrian Gardiner; Ian Player and Andrew Muir.

Presentation on the integration of private investment into conservation initiatives, taking Shamwari as the chief example. Shamwari, an area of some 49,000 acres, was founded in 1992 from the amalgamation of several unprofitable farms. At the time, the land was composed of overgrazed pastures, with little vegetation and animal life. Since then, Shamwari has engaged in large-scale soil rehabilitation and animal re-introduction programs. By 2001, the Reserve could boast the presence of the lion, the leopard, and the brown hyena. In addition, much of the original vegetation has returned.

It is the belief of Shamwari's founder, Adrian Gardiner, that conservation can be profitable—that financial success and conservation success could be achieved simultaneously. Today, Shamwari employs 250 people and has become a prime destination for tourists from around the world.

- 5:30 -7:00 pm Optional Field Activity.
- 7:00-10:00 pm Dinner briefing and discussion about the nature of public-private partnerships in Africa and the potential of private investment to spearhead conservation initiatives on the continent. The delegation will discuss specific partnerships initiated by U.S. government, corporate and private investment, continuing discussion of the projects discussed during the breakout sessions.

Accommodation: Shamwari Reserve



**U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
&
U.S. SENATE**

**Staff Delegation to South Africa
December 1-10, 2007**

Saturday 1st December

3:00 pm Arrive at Washington-Dulles Airport (IAD). John Gantt, Chief of Staff for the International Conservation Caucus Foundation, will be there to meet the delegation and distribute briefing books.

Each member of the delegation will receive a briefing book that will cover general topics on South Africa (historical summary, current economic & political conditions, education, health/AIDS, and other aspects of U.S.-South Africa relationship) and provide detailed information on conservation work and all site visits planned.

5:20 pm Depart IAD for Johannesburg (JNB). Flight SA 208

Sunday 2nd December

3:45-5:00 pm Arrive in Johannesburg (JNB). Proceed through customs; transfer to SAA domestic terminal.

5:00-5:45 pm While at JNB, John Gantt will provide an overview of the ICCF and its 'Teddy Roosevelt' approach to conservation and natural resource management. Staff will have the opportunity to discuss and ask any preliminary questions regarding topics covered in the briefing book.

6:10-8:20 pm Depart JNB to Cape Town International Airport (CPT). Flight SA 363

8:20-9:00 pm Transfer from airport to The Commodore Hotel.

TBD Unpack; Settle into hotel.

Accommodation: The Commodore Hotel

Monday 3rd December

- 7:30 am Meet in the hotel lobby. Departure by 7:45 am to Stellenbosch. David Barron, President of the International Conservation Caucus Foundation, will detail upcoming activities for the delegation while in Cape Town. Joining the group will be **Dr. Laurie Marker**, Executive Director for the Cheetah Conservation Fund, and **Hennie du Toit**, Political Consul for the South African Embassy in Washington, D.C.
- 8:30-10:00am Arrive at Spier Wine Estate and proceed to their Cheetah Outreach Center. The delegation will be briefed by Dr. Laurie Marker and will watch a live cheetah run. They will also meet the cat after the run and have an opportunity to ask any questions they may have.
- 10:00-10:30 Brunch served at the Cheetah Outreach Center's Visitor Center.
- 10:30-11:30am The delegation will travel next door to visit the Eagle Encounters Raptor Rehabilitation Center, where they will be briefed by its founders, Hank and Tracy Chalmers. The Chalmers will organize an interactive educational briefing where staff can learn about raptor rehabilitation and conservation hands-on.
- 11:45- 1:00pm The delegation departs Spier Wine Estate and travels to Boulders to have lunch.
- 1:00-2:15 pm Luncheon briefing with **Dr. Michael Kock**, Field Veterinarian for the Wildlife Conservation Society, at the **SeaForth Restaurant** as well as **Gavin Bell**, Area Manager for TMNP.
- Table Mountain National Park (formerly Cape Peninsula National Park) stretches about 60 km from Signal Hill to Cape Point, encompassing valleys, bays and beaches, Table Mountain and the Cape of Good Hope.*
- 2:15-3:00 pm Tour Penguin Colony at Boulders.
- 3:00-3:30 pm Travel to Cape Point Gate to meet rangers from TMNP.
- 3:30-5:00 pm Tour Cape Point portion of TMNP.

The Cape of Good Hope Nature Reserve is only 7750 hectares yet sustains more varieties of plants than the whole of the British Isles. The world consists of six floral kingdoms, most of which cover vast areas. By comparison, the size of the Cape Floral Kingdom, or fynbos as it is locally called, is small, yet

U.S. House of Representatives
Committee on Standards of Official Conduct

PRIVATELY SPONSORED TRAVEL: TRAVELER FORM

For Members, Officers and Employees
(submit directly to the Committee)

This form should be completed by House Members, officers or employees seeking Committee approval of privately-sponsored travel or reimbursement for travel under House Rule XXV, clause 5. The completed form should be submitted directly to the Committee by each invited House Member, officer or employee, together with the completed and signed Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form.

Members, officers and employees seeking approval for travel are urged to submit all forms to the Committee at least 30 days before travel is scheduled to begin. The failure to provide the Committee with adequate time to review the form and attachments may result in the invitee not receiving approval for the trip. A copy of this form will be made available for public inspection. Please type form. Form (and any attachments) may be faxed to the Committee at (202) 225-7392.

1. Name of Member, officer or employee (traveler): Jack Sumner Thompson
2. Sponsor(s) (who will be paying for the trip): International Conservation Caucus Foundation

3. Travel destination(s): Cape Town, South Africa; Elizabeth, South Africa

4. a. Dates of travel: December 1, 2007 - December 10, 2007
b. Will you be extending the trip at your personal expense? ☐ Yes ☒ No
If yes, dates at personal expense: _____
5. a. Name of accompanying family member (if any): _____
b. Relationship to Member/Officer: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child ☐ Other (specify): _____
6. a. Did the trip sponsor answer "yes" to Question 9(c) on the Trip Sponsor form (i.e., the travel is being sponsored by an entity that employs a lobbyist)? ☐ Yes ☒ No
b. If yes, check one of the following:
(1) Approval for one-night's lodging and meals is being requested: ☐ or
(2) Approval for two-nights' lodging and meals is being requested: ☐
If "(2)" is checked, explain why the second night is warranted: _____

7. Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form is attached, including agenda, invitee list, and any other attachments (indicate that form is attached by checking box): ☒

8. Explain why participation in the trip is connected to your official or representational duties:

9. I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: _____

Name of Signatory (if other than traveler): _____

For staff, name of employing Member/Committee: Congressman Rodney Alexander

Office address: 316 Cannon House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515

Phone number: 202-225-8490

Email address: jack.thompson@mail.house.gov

NOTE: You must complete the contact information fields above, as Committee staff may need contact you if additional information is required.

FOR STAFF:

TO BE COMPLETED BY YOUR EMPLOYING MEMBER:

I hereby authorize the individual named above, an employee of the U.S. House of Representatives who works under my direct supervision, to accept expenses for the trip described in this request. I have determined that the above-described travel is in connection with my employee's official duties and that acceptance of these expenses will not create the appearance that the employee is using public office for private gain.

Rodney Alexander
Signature of Employing Member

Date: _____

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Thursday 6th December

8:00-9:00 am Breakfast with local rangers and briefing session on day's activities.

9:00-10:00 am Travel to Bushman Sands.

In much the same way that Shamwari was transformed from barren farmland into one of the world's top conservation destinations, this initiative seeks to become a model of transformation for a previously disadvantaged community and the turnaround of a rural town.

At the centre of the transformation of Alicedale is Bushman Sands. Named after the historic Bushman's River, Bushman Sands has provided the impetus for new investment and the sustainability for ongoing growth and development of the town. Constructed in June 2003, Bushman Sands created direct employment for 374 people, all of whom were selected from the existing Alicedale community. ECDC estimates that each breadwinner in this community provides for up to seven dependents. This takes the number affected by the initial employment through this project to 2800 - more than half the local population. Upon completion, Bushman Sands now provides approximately 150 permanent jobs for the local residents of Alicedale.

The rangers presently guiding tourists around the Bushman Sands game reserve were all previously unemployed. For Patrick Mgoqi, October's salary was the first he had received in 8 years since completing matric. Nomawethu Stuurman, on the other hand, was studying at Border Technikon in 2002, but could not complete her course because of financial problems. For her, the opportunity to gain an income while improving her skills in game and environmental management; tourism and hospitality has provided hope.

10:00am-noon Meet and greet/overview of the Bushman Sands Community given by community leaders.

12:00-1:00 pm Lunch briefing with the leadership of Bushman Sands Community.

1:00-2:00 pm Return to Shamwari Reserve.

2:00-4:00 pm Afternoon briefing on Coral Triangle and the Micronesia Challenge.

4:30-5:30 pm Field activity. Visit to the Born Free Foundation.

The Born Free Foundation is at the forefront of drawing the public's attention to the plight of wild animals confined in impoverished captive environments and promoting, through education and public awareness, a humane agenda.

It is the mission of both The Born Free Foundation and Shamwari Reserve to promote the conservation of species and the protection of habitat while maintaining a humane and compassionate approach to the welfare of animals.

In partnership with actress/conservationist Virginia McKenna's Born Free Foundation, Shamwari Reserve designed the Born Free Foundation Animal Rescue and Education Centre to incorporate a museum and educational facility whose goal is to create an awareness of the way in which wildlife, if not properly monitored, can be exploited in captivity around the world.

5:30-7:00pm Freshen up for dinner.

7:30-10:00 pm Dinner and discussion of day's activities. The focus will be on the importance of conservation for local communities.

Accommodation: Shamwari Reserve

Friday 7th December

7:00-8:00 am Coffee (Delegation will travel into Port Elizabeth for the day and will need to get on the road early; no breakfast briefing).

8:00-9:00 am Transfer to Port Elizabeth.

9.30 – 11:15 Meet with Andrew Skowno from the Wilderness Foundation Baviaanskloof Mega Reserve Project Management Unit.

11:15-12:30 Tea briefing with the leadership of the Bateleurs – Avroy Schlain.

The Bateleurs is an organization of pilots interested in protecting the environment by using their flying skills and aircraft to fly "stakeholders" over threatened areas. Their aim is to give decision-makers and other interested parties an aerial perspective of the situation they are assessing.

12:45-1:45 Lunch at the Umzi Wethu Academy

2:00 -4:00pm Group briefing with Pinky Kondlo on UMzi Wethu (and other projects) at the training academy.

Her briefing will detail WFSAs uMzi Wethu Project, a new concept that addresses the tragedy of AIDS orphans and displaced youth in Southern Africa. Following the briefing, the delegation will tour the campus. uMzi, a Xhosa word for "homestead," is not an orphanage but a school (with a residential option) established just outside game reserves and national parks. Its goal is to create a safe home base with sustenance, nurturing, and

guidance. It offers formal education, vocational skill development, training for people from local villages, and partnerships with community organizations.

- 4:30-5:30 pm Return to Shamwari Reserve for possible tour.
- 8:00-10:00 pm Dinner briefing & discussion of day's activities. The focus will be on the HIV/AIDS epidemic and the role the United States may play in helping to curb the disastrous effects the disease is having on the continent.

Accommodation: Shamwari Reserve

Saturday 8th December

- 8:00-9:00 am Breakfast briefing on the importance of sustainable utilization; will build upon the current debate on hunting within Southern Africa.

Examples will be provided to weigh the relative merits of hunting in Southern Africa, including WWF's Living in A Finite Environment Program (L.I.F.E.), which depends upon trophy hunting for its tremendous success within Namibia.

- 9:00-11:00 am Morning briefing/optional field activity.
- 12:00-1:00 pm Lunch briefing by David Barron on tropical forest conservation and its ramifications for African forests.
- 1:00-4:00 pm Group discussion; recap of the mission; evaluation of mission goals.
- 4:00-7:00 pm Final field activity. Wilderness walk; Q&A with Shamwari Rangers, officials of the WILD Foundation, the Wilderness Foundation.

The delegation will have the opportunity to venture out into the reserve on foot to learn more about the unique flora and fauna of the reserve. They will also have the opportunity to employ tracking methods.

- 7:00-10:00pm Dinner briefing (Guest: TBD)

Accommodation: Shamwari Reserve

Sunday 9th December

- 7:00-8:00 am Breakfast discussion and questions posed to rangers on activities at Shamwari over the past few days.
- 8:00-9:00 am Pack; prepare for departure to United States.

9:00-11:00 am Depart Shamwari for Port Elizabeth.

12:25-2:05 pm Travel from Port Elizabeth to JNB. Flight SA 410. *Transfer to SAA International Terminal.*

2:30-5:30 pm Overview and final discussion of the mission conducted by David H. Barron

6:15 pm Depart JNB, Flight SA 207 to IAD.

Monday 10th December

6:00 am Arrive in Washington-Dulles International Airport (IAD).